Mr. President: Have you received any complaint that people have found it difficult to get maternity leave?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Apart from the representations made here, I have not received any single petition where the applicant has met with any difficulty.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there not cases where the Director of Public Instruction has given a positive answer? Will it not work hardship to those applicants?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The certificates were produced and they were granted leave. It shows that there is no serious difficulty on that point.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് സർജന്മാർ അത്ര അധികമൊന്നും ഈ സ്റ്റേറിൽ ഇല്ല. അവരുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് കിട്ടണമെങ്കിൽ 6-ം, 7-ം മൈൽ അകലെവരെ പോകേണ്ടതായിട്ടുവരും. ആ വിഷമംകൊണ്ടാണ് പറയുന്നത്.

Mr. President: If any case is brought to the notice of the Government, that any body has found it difficult to obtain a certificate from an Assistant Surgeon, then certainly Government will think about it and they will take necessary steps in the matter.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പൊട്ടന്നനവെ സുഖക്കേടായിട്ട് ലീവിനപേക്ഷിച്ചാൽ സിവിൽ സർജൻറെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് കൊണ്ടുവരാതെ സാധിക്കയില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതായിട്ട് എനിക്കറിയാം.

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ലീവ് ആപ്ലിക്കേഷൻകൂടിത്തന്നെ മെഡിക്കൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റിനും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടാകും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: അസിസ്റ്റൻറ് സർജനും കൂടുതൽ പണം കൊടുക്കണം. അതിനു താഴെയുള്ളവർക്കാണെങ്കിൽ അതിലും കുറഞ്ഞ സംഖ്യ കൊടുത്താൽ മതി. അതാണ് ഇതിൻറെ പരമാർത്ഥം.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it not better that a distinction is made between maternity leave and other kinds of leave? Because, as the Director explained, there will be a possibility of larger applicants coming forward when facilities are given to them. In the case of maternity leave, such things are not possible. Is it not better that so much of stringency is not insisted upon applicants for maternity leave?

COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS IN CHENNAMANGALAM

81. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Committee for the improvement of the communications of the Chennamangalam village has

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ever met, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government state the result of such meeting or meetings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No Committee as such has been constituted. The Chief Engineer, Director of Public Health and Panchayats and the Manager, Paliam Estate, have been asked to consult one another and draw up a scheme for the improvement of the communication facilities in Chennamangalam. The Chief Engineer has now circulated certain proposals to the other two officers. The officers concerned will meet, if found necessary, later.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL—FURNISHING OF—EXPENDITURE, ETC.

82. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by Government for furnishing the Jubilee Memorial Town Hall with articles of furniture;

(*b*) the name of firm or person who undertook to make the articles of furniture;

(*c*) the amount paid to the firm or person who supplied the articles of furniture;

(*d*) whether tenders were called for before entrusting the work;

(*e*) the name of officer who check-measured and took charge of the articles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Rs. 3,450.

(*b*) Mr. P. V. Kurup, Proprietor, The National Furniture Co., Ernakulam.

(*c*) Rs. 3,450 as cost of the articles and a sum of Rs. 100 as bonus.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Assistant Engineer, Central Division.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Why was this bonus granted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This work was not executed by contract. The bonus was granted in consideration of the good work done.

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